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OVERVIEW OF INCOMING SIGNALS

The following information is based on incoming communication with the National Human Trafficking Hotline from January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016 about human trafficking cases and issues related to human trafficking in West Virginia. Communication can take the form of **phone calls, online tip reports, or emails**. Communication regarding topics unrelated to human trafficking are not included in this report. In 2016, the National Human Trafficking Hotline received a total of **34,068** phone calls, emails, or online tip reports nationwide.







SUBSTANTIVE CALL DATA

The following statistics are based solely on substantive calls about human trafficking and issues related to human trafficking made to the National Human Trafficking Hotline between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016 from callers in West Virginia at the time of their call. Substantive calls exclude hang-ups, missed calls, wrong numbers, and calls in which the caller's reason for calling is unknown.

Number of Substantive Calls Received from West Virginia: 40

This constitutes the 49th highest call volume of all 50 states and Washington, D.C. in 2016.

| CALLER TYPE | # OF CALLS | % OF CALLS |
|---|------------|------------|
| Community Member | 11 | 27.5% |
| Victim of Trafficking | 11 | 27.5% |
| Family of Trafficking Victim | 6 | 15.0% |
| Victim of Labor Exploitation | 3 | 7.5% |
| Caller Types Referenced Fewer than Three Times ¹ | 9 | 22.5% |
| TOTAL # OF SUBSTANTIVE CALLS | 40 | 100.0% |

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| HOW CALLER FOUND THE NATIONAL HOTLINE | # OF CALLS | % of Calls |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| DHS Blue Campaign | 1 | 2.5% |
| Internet-Web Search | 1 | 2.5% |
| Unknown | 38 | 95.0% |
| TOTAL # OF CALLS | 40 | 100.0% |

HUMAN TRAFFICKING CASE DATA

Each request submitted to the hotline is evaluated for evidence of potential human trafficking. In West Virginia, a total of 19 unique cases (incidents) of potential human trafficking were reported to the hotline.



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| PRIMARY REASON FOR CONTACTING THE NATIONAL HOTLINE | # OF CASES | % of Cases |
|--|------------|------------|
| Report a Trafficking Tip | 13 | 68.4% |
| Access Service Referrals | 6 | 31.6% |
| TOTAL # OF CASES | 19 | 100.0% |

| VENUE/INDUSTRY OF POTENTIAL TRAFFICKING | # OF CASES | % of Cases |
|--|------------|------------|
| Sex | 14 | 73.7% |
| Venue Not Specified | 6 | 31.6% |
| Other Venue | 3 | 15.8% |
| Venues Referenced in Fewer than Three Cases ² | 5 | 26.3% |
| Labor | 3 | 15.8% |
| Industries Referenced in Fewer than Three Cases ² | 3 | 15.8% |
| Trafficking Type Not Specified ³ | 2 | 10.5% |
| TOTAL # OF POTENTIAL TRAFFICKING CASES | 19 | 100.0% |

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³Cases where trafficking type is not specified typically occur when a law enforcement agent or service provider contacts the National Hotline for resources and referrals but does not disclose details about the trafficking situation due to confidentiality. This category also includes cases in which the person reporting the information references human trafficking but does not provide further detail regarding the presence of labor or commercial sex. These cases are often submitted to the National Hotline through anonymous online tip reports.

| VICTIM DEMOGRAPHICS ⁴ (LABOR TRAFFICKING CASES) | # OF <u>Cases</u> | % of <u>Cases</u> |
|--|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Adults | 3 | 15.8% |
| Minors | Fewer than Three ⁵ | N/A |
| Females | Fewer than Three ⁵ | N/A |
| Males | Fewer than Three ⁵ | N/A |
| Transgender Females | Fewer than Three ⁵ | N/A |
| Transgender Males | Fewer than Three ⁵ | N/A |
| Gender Non-Conforming Individuals | Fewer than Three ⁵ | N/A |
| US Citizens/Legal Permanent Residents | Fewer than Three ⁵ | N/A |
| Foreign Nationals ⁶ | Fewer than Three ⁵ | N/A |
| | | NON-CUMULATIVE ⁴ |

⁴These statistics are non-cumulative. Cases may involve multiple victims and include female, male, transgender and gender non-conforming individuals, foreign nationals and U.S. citizens, adults and minors. In some cases, demographic information is not reported. This table shows the number of cases referencing each demographic and not the number of individual victims. ⁵To protect the identity of the people we serve, the National Human Trafficking Hotline does not disclose exact statistics related to venues, industries, victim information or caller information referenced fewer than three times.

⁶A Foreign National in this data set is defined as any individual who is not currently a US Citizen or Legal Permanent Resident.

| VICTIM DEMOGRAPHICS ⁷ (SEX TRAFFICKING CASES) | # OF <u>Cases</u> | % of <u>Cases</u> |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Adults | 7 | 36.8% |



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| Minors | 5 | 26.3% |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Females | 12 | 63.2% |
| Males | Fewer than Three ⁸ | N/A |
| Transgender Females | Fewer than Three ⁸ | N/A |
| Transgender Males | Fewer than Three ⁸ | N/A |
| Gender Non-Conforming Individuals | Fewer than Three ⁸ | N/A |
| US Citizens/Legal Permanent Residents | 6 | 31.6% |
| Foreign Nationals ⁹ | Fewer than Three ⁸ | N/A |
| | | NON-CUMULATIVE ⁷ |

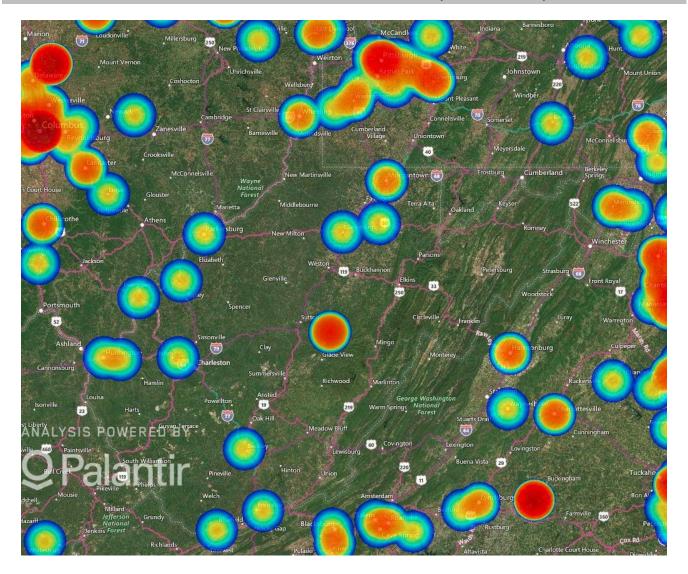
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LOCATION OF POTENTIAL TRAFFICKING CASES (WHERE KNOWN)10



¹⁰The image above is a heat map which reflects the cases reported to the National Human Trafficking Hotline. Areas in which greater numbers of cases were reported contain more red shading. This map only reflects cases in which the location of the potential trafficking was known. Some cases may involve more than one location.

Important Note: The data displayed in this report was generated based on information communicated to the National Human Trafficking Hotline via phone, email, and online tip report. The National Human Trafficking Hotline cannot verify the accuracy of the information reported. This is not a comprehensive report on the scale or scope of human trafficking within the state. These statistics are accurate as of March 8, 2017. They may be subject to change as new information emerges.